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SUBJ: HYROGRAPHIC SURVEY-DRAFT NOTE RE SOF AGREEMENT

REF (A) PARA 3, CAIRO 9480,

1. THERE IS IS SET FORTH BELOW FOR DEPT/AID REVIEW, APPROVAL
OR EMENDATION SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF DRAFT SOF NOTE, WHICH
AMB PROPOSED TO SEND TO FORNMIN IN CONNECTION WITH HYDRO-
GRAPHIC SURVEY PROJECT. AS INDICATED REF B, SEPARATE AID PROJECT
AGREEMENT WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE SIGNED:

2. QUOTE
EXCELLENCY:
I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE ARRANGEMENT OF 25 APRIL 1974,
BETWEEN THE USA AND AND THE ARE FOR THE CLEARNACE OF MINES
AND UNEXPLODED ORDNACE FROM THE SUEZ CANAL AND ITS EN-
VIRONS, AND TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENT OF SEP 25,
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1975 IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARRANGEMENT OF APRIL
25, 1974 WERE MADE APPLICABLE TO CLEARING OPERATIONS IN
THE COASTAL WATERS IN THE ENVIRONS OF PORT SAID AND BETWEEN
PORT SAID AND DAMIETTA. I PROPOSE THAT THE PROVISION OF THE
ARRANGEMENT OF APRIL 25, 1974, AS MODIFIED B THE SUPPLE-
MENTARY ARRANGEMENT OF SEP 25, 1975, NOW BE FURTHER MODIFIED,
IN ORDER TO BE APPLICABLE TY HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OPERATIONS TO

BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE ENVIRONS OF PORT SAID AND IN THE GULF OF SUEZ AND CONTIGUOUS WATERS, BY AMENDING ART I, 1A, 1B AND 3 OF THE ARRANGEMENT TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"1. THE GOVT OF THE US WILL, SUBJECT TO THE AVILABILITY OF FUNDS AND SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTION OF AN AID PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT, AND OTHERWISE IN ACCORDANCW WITH THE LAWS OF THE US, ASSIST IN THE CLEARNANCE OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND OTHER AREAS, AND IN A HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OF THE APPROACHES TO THE TERMINII OF THE SUEZ CANAL, AS FOLLOWS:

"A. A SPECIAL UNITED STATES FORCE (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "FORCE") ESTABLISHED FOR THESE PURPOSES SHALL, IN COOPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE ARE AND, AS MAY BE AGREED, THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, CARRY OUT MINESWEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE SUEZ CANAL, AND IN THE COASTAL WATERS IN THE ENVIRONS OF PORT SAID AND BETWEEN PORT SAID AND AMIETTA; AND SHALL ALSO CARRY OUT HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OPERATIONS IN THE ENVIRONS OF PORT SAID AND IN THE GULF OF SUEZ AND CONTIGUOUS WATERS.

"B. THE FORCE SHALL ALSO PROVIDE TRAINING AND ADVISORY ASSIS- TANCE TO PERSONNEL OF THE ARAB REP OF EGYPT WITH A VIEW TO ENABLING THE LATTER TO CARRY OUT DETECTION AND DISPOSAL OF EXENPLODED ORDNANCE SITUATED IN OR ADJACENT TO THE SUEZ CANAL, OR IN OR ADJACENT TO THE COASTAL WATERS IN THE ENVIRONS OF PORT SAID, OR BETWEEN PORT SAID AND AMIETTA, BUT THE FORCE SHALL NOT ITSELF CARRY OUT SUCH OPERATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FORCE SHALL PROVIDE TRAINING TO SELECTED EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL IN THE CONDUCT OF HYROGRAPHIC SURVEY OPERATIONS; TO ASSIST IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS TRAINING, AS WELL AS TO FACIL- ITATE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE HYRDOGRAPHIC SURVEY MISSION, EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL WILL PARTICIPATE IN HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OPERATIONS IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH MEMBERS OF THE FORCE.

"3. THE GOVT OF THE US WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FORCE REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 ARE CARRIED OUT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO RENDER THE SUEZ CANAL AND ITS ENVIRONS SAFE FOR FURTHER CLEARANCE ACTIVITIES AND SUBSEQUENT OPERATION; HOWEVER, THE GOVT OF THE US CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT ALL HAZARDOUS OBJECTS WILL BE LOCATED AND RE- MOVED OR RENDERED HARMLESS. SIMILARLY, WITH REGARD TO HYDRO- GRAPHIC SURVEY OPERATIONS, THE GOVT OF THE US WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE NAUTICAL CHARTS AND OTHER FINISHED PRODUCTS RESULTING FROM THE SURVEY, WHICH IT IS AGREED SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MARINERS OF ALL NATIONS, ARE AS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE IN ALL RESPECTS AS IT IS POSSIBLE TO PRODUCE; HOWEVER, THE GOVT OF THE US CANNOT GUARANTEE THE ABSOLUTE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THESE FINISHED MATERIALS, AND CAN ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR INACCURACIES OR INADEQUACIES, OR FOR DAMAGES

RESULTING THERFROM, IN THESE FINISHED MATERIALS".

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVT OF THE ARE, I HAVE
THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR NOTE IN REPLY
CONFIRMING ACCEPTANCE WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
OUR RESPECTIVE GOVTS AMENDING THE ARRANGEMENT OF 25 APRIL
1974, AS MODIFIED BY THE SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENT OF 25
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